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SUBJ ENERGY: NEB HEARINGS ON ARCTIC GAS PIPELINE PROJECTS

1. NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD (NEB) ANNOUNCED JUNE 2 THAT IT WILL HOLD JOINT HEARINGS ON APPLICATION FOR NATURAL GAS PIPELINES FROM THE WESTERN ARCTIC, THROUGH MACKENZIE VALLEY, TO SOUTHERN MARKETS IN CANADA AND U.S. A PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN OTTAWA (SKYLINE HOTEL) JULY 8-10 TO DISCUSS HEARING SCHEDULE FOR FALL OF 1975 AND TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED.

2. ACCORDING TO THE NEB PRESS RELEASE, THE TWO MAJOR COMPETING PROJECTS, INVOLVING FIVE APPLICATIONS, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(1) ONE PROJECT, SPONSORED BY CANADIAN ARCTIC GAS PIPELINE LIMITED, A CONSORTIUM OF 18 COMPANIES, CALLS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PIPELINE TO MOVE UNCLASSIFIED

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NATURAL GAS FOUND IN THE MACKENZIE DELTA-BEAUFORT SEA

AREA OF CANADA'S NORTHWEST TERRITORIES TO MARKETS IN SOUTHERN CANADA, AND GAS FOUND IN THE STATE OF ALASKA TO MARKETS IN THE UNITED STATES.

(2) THE OTHER PROJECT, SUBMITTED BY FOOTHILLS PIPELINES LIMITED, OUTLINES A PLAN TO BUILD A PIPELINE FROM CANADA'S MACKENZIE DELTA-BEAUFORT SEA AREA TO THE ALBERTA-NORTHWEST TERRITORIES BORDER TO CARRY GAS TO MARKETS IN SOUTHERN CANADA.

(3) THE FOOTHILLS PROPOSAL ALSO INVOLVES APPLICATIONS BY WESTCOAST TRANSMISSION COMPANY LIMITED AND THE ALBERTA GAS TRUNK LINE (CANADA) LIMITED TO CONSTRUCT EXTENSIONS LINKING THE FOOTHILLS PORTION OF THE LINE TO EXISTING SYSTEMS IN ALBERTA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA AND A SUBMISSION BY THE ALBERTA GAS TRUNK LINE COMPANY LIMITED.

(4) AN APPLICATION HAS ALSO BEEN FILED BY ALBERTA NATURAL GAS COMPANY LTD. TO CONSTRUCT EXTENSIONS TO ITS PIPELINE TO MOVE ALASKAN GAS AND MACKENZIE DELTA GAS TO INTER-CONNECTING LINES IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR DELIVERY TO MARKETS IN CALIFORNIA.

3. PARTIES WHO INTEND TO TAKE PART IN THE HEARING OF THESE APPLICATIONS BEFORE THE NEB HAVE UNTIL JUNE 27 TO FILE A WRITTEN STATEMENT OUTLINING THEIR INTEREST IN THE APPLICATIONS, THEIR STAND IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSALS, AND THEIR VIEWS CONCERNING THE CONDUCT OF THE HEARING.

4. FOR THE FALL 1975 HEARINGS, THE NEB PROPOSES TO SIMPLIFY THE CONSIDERATION OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED IN THE APPLICATIONS BY BREAKING THEM INTO SIX SEPARATE SUBJECT AREAS AND BY HEARING THEM IN THE SEQUENCE WHICH FOLLOWS:

(1) SUPPLY OF GAS WHICH MIGHT BE AVAILABLE TO THE PIPELINE FROM CANADIAN AND ALASKAN SOURCES,

(2) REQUIREMENTS FOR GAS FROM CANADIAN SOURCES TO UNCLASSIFIED

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SATISFY PORTIONS OF THE CANADIAN MARKET,

(3) CONTRACTS, INCLUDING THE EXAMINATION OF SUPPLY, TRANSPORTATION, SALES CONTRACTS AND, IN THE CASE OF THE CAGPL APPLICATIONS AND ALBERTA NATURAL, CONTRACTS FOR SALE OF GAS FROM ALASKA IN THE UNITED STATES,

(4) FACILITIES, INCLUDING RIGHT-OF-WAY, DESIGN

AND CAPACITY, CONNECTIONS WITH OTHER PIPELINE
FACILITIES, CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE, COST OF FACILITIES,
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ALTERNATIVE SYSTEMS OF
TRANSPORTATION, ETC.,

(5) FINANCIAL, INCLUDING PRO FORMA FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS, COST OF SERVICE AND TARIFFS AND
FINANCING PLANS,
(6) PUBLIC INTERESTS WHICH MAY BE AFFECTED, INCLUDING
ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS, SOCIO-ECONOMIC FACTORS,
CANADIAN CONTENT, THE IMPACT ON THE CANADIAN
ECONOMY, ETC.

5. THE PROCEDURE CONSEQUENT TO THIS BREAKDOWN OF
SUBJECT MATTER SHALL BE THAT THE BOARD SHALL HEAR
DIRECT EVIDENCE AND CROSS-EXAMINATION FROM ALL THE
APPLICANTS AND OTHER PARTIES ON ONE SUBJECT AREA
BEFORE IT HEARS DIRECT EVIDENCE AND CROSS-EXAMINATION
ON THE NEXT SUBJECT AREA.

6. DETAILED NEB DOCUMENTS ON THESE HEARINGS
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